

ALDERMEN FAVOR TAKING LICENSES OFF THEIR HANDS

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Avenues for Bribery, Says
Alderman Esterbrook.

COMMITTEE WILL ACT.
Hearing On to Decide As to
Reforms in Newsstand
Privileges.

Acting Commissioner of Accounts
Harry M. Rice explained to the Alder-
manic Committee on Laws and Legisla-
tion to-day his views on proposed or-
dinances affecting news stand, fruit
stand and other stand licenses.

Alderman Nicoll, who has suggested
new plans for the allotment of li-
censes, and Chief Wallace of the Bu-
reau of Licenses were among the audi-
ence. A number of Aldermen evinced
their interest in the proceedings by re-
maining throughout the hearing.

Alderman O. Grant Esterbrook,
whose resolution suggests radical re-
form in the granting of licenses, even-
ing so far as to take the matter of
Alderman approval out of the hands
of the city fathers, explained that the
present method left wide avenues for
graft.

His knowledge of accept-
ance of bribe.

"However, personally, I have no
knowledge that any member of the
board ever accepted bribes for a stand
license," said Esterbrook.

"You mean those people who can't
trust themselves. Well, I don't belong
to that class," interjected Alderman
Purdy.

"Did you ever hear that money was
used for a stand permit in my dis-
trict?" broke in Alderman John Diemer
of Brooklyn.

"No. I can refer you to that score
to my opening remarks," answered Al-
derman Esterbrook.

The Commissioner of Accounts told
the Committee that in many respects
he favored the proposed changes in
the ordinance, adding, "I should cause
full publicity to be made to the effect
that stands are to be licensed at dis-
tinct points. I should require all
standholders to be citizens—not first
paper citizens—but outright citizens. I
would not do away with all stand priv-
ileges absolutely.

PUBLIC MUST BE CONSIDERED
IN THE MATTER.

"The accommodation of the public
must be considered and these stands
are public conveniences. Depend on
citizens such as cripples should always
be favored in siting of letters. Other-
wise these dependents might become
public charges. It would be an evil to
set these stands up at public auction
to be acquired by the highest bidder.
A monopoly might gain possession of all
the stands through the public bidding
system."

Chief Wallace of the Mayor's Bureau
of Licenses said that a number of Al-
dermen had suggested to him that they
would gladly be relieved of the respon-
sibility of granting stand permits, and
savored the suggestion of retreating
all stand licenses in one bureau.

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THREE-FOOT FALL KILLS MAN

Losses Balance on Steps and Tumble
Fragments Skull.

A fall of about three feet caused the
death early to-day of George Whann,
forty-three years old, a salesman living
at No. 118 Koss street, Brooklyn.

When he went home last night for
dinner he started up the front steps,
feeling in his pockets for his keys.

Four steps above the yard he lost his
balance. Having his hands in his pocket
he could not catch himself and tumbled
a somersault over the stoop railing,
his head hitting the stone court-
yard.

A passing neighbor picked him up,
using the bell and told his wife and
called Dr. Thierle of the Williamsburg
Hospital. Whann was found to have
a fractured skull and did not regain
consciousness, dying at 1 o'clock this
morning.

TEN BROADWAY LOUNGERS SENT TO WORKHOUSE

Magistrate Cornell Gives 10-
Day Sentences to Men
Arrested by Inspector.

Magistrate Cornell gave a stiff demon-
stration in the West Side Court to-day
of how he intends to co-operate with
Inspector Dwyer, Hayne's successor in
the Tenderloin, in keeping loiterers off
the streets of the White Light district
after midnight. He meted out sentences
of five days in the Workhouse without
the option of a fine to ten men who
were gathered in by Dwyer's "curfew
squad" early this morning.

Yesterday when the first of the lot-
ters of late hours were brought before
him Magistrate Cornell dismissed the
charge against fourteen and fined the
fifteenth \$10. Last this initial clemency
should appear to Broadway denizens to
be failure to support Dwyer in his efforts
to put the tightest kind of a tight lid
on the territory included in the Fourth
Inspection District, the Magistrate in-
dulged in this severity to-day with a
verbal warning to others.

"Any man who is found loitering about
the Tenderloin after midnight hereafter
will have to show a good reason why he
is doing it or go to jail," said the Magis-
trate. "There have been too many com-
plaints of the presence about the fronts
of hotels and restaurants of crooks, tout-
s for gambling games or resorts of a worse
character. It is going to stop."

Policeman John Kelly headed the new
"curfew squad," which sallied forth
from the West Forty-seventh street sta-
tion after midnight this morning to
gather in the strays. Inspectors Dwyer's
orders were explicit: the squad should
arrest any man who was seen loitering
about street corners or loitering in front
of hotels without any good excuse for
so doing.

Each of the ten prisoners attempted to
get an excuse by the Magistrate when
the sorry string was lined up before
his bench to-day. James Murray said
he asked a policeman to drink with
him in a cafe and was promptly ar-
rested. Otto Silppert, Benjamin Mitter
and Rudolph White, who were arrested
together in front of the Times build-
ing, said that they were just talking
over reminiscences of the Franco-Prus-
sian war, of which they were veterans.

Paul Orkiant declared that instead of
soliciting from some people in an
automobile, as the policeman charged,
he was greeting an old comrade from
the recent Connecticut maneuvers.

None of the excuses would hold water
with Cornell. In sentencing the pris-
oners he said:

"I've been over to the Island recently
and been all through the Workhouse
and, take it from me, there's no sum-
mer resort within a radius of 100 miles
that is any nearer as pleasant as
the Workhouse."

"Anyway, this is the best season of
the year to go there. Not such a crowd
as usual and all pleasant people to
meet. It's better than the Tenderloin
after midnight, as you all will discover."

BIDS FOR BRONX SUBWAY.

John F. Stevens Company Names
Lowest Figure for the Week.

Among twelve bidders for the work of
constructing section 1 of the Southern
Boulevard and Westchester avenue sub-
way the John F. Stevens Construction
Company was found to be the lowest to-
day. The bids were opened by the
Public Service Commission, that of the
Stevens Company being \$2,378,000. The
highest bid, \$3,165,000, was entered by
P. McGovern & Co.

The subway section is the first part
of the Pelham Bay branch of the Lex-
ington avenue route. The section starts
under East One Hundred and Thirty-
eighth street, in the Bronx, and extends
to One Hundred and Forty-seventh
street and the Southern Boulevard, with
stations at Brook avenue, Cypress ave-
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BEATS NAKED BOY WITH HEAVY STICK, LANDS IN STATION

Ten-Year-Old Lad Accuses
Burly Brother-in-Law of
Cruel Mistreatment.

Little Willie O'Connor used to think
that a blue uniform with brass buttons
stood only for a license to oppress
country boys new to city ways, but he
knows to-day that policemen have a
softer side and are quite ready to stand
between a dwarfed, oppressed, tiny per-
son and the wrath of a big man like
Willie's brother-in-law, Joseph K.
Tracy.

In demonstrating this softer side, Po-
liceman McCormick of the East One
Hundred and Twenty-sixth street sta-
tion—the very same portly ego who
threatened such terrible things to ten-
year-old Willie, when he caught him
climbing a tree in Sylvan place a week
ago—called around last night and ar-
rested Tracy, who must answer to
Magistrate Kernochan in Harlem Court
for each of the seven scarlet scars on
Willie's back.

Willie had red hair, little brightened
eyes and the general appearance of a
particularly timid sort of mouse. His
life hasn't been one calculated to make
one bold. Four years ago, his father
died and Willie and his mother were
left to shift as best they could in the
little cottage at Tarrytown. Just about
that time, Sister Katie became Mrs.
Joseph Tracy and came to New York
to help her new husband manage the
six-story apartment house at No. 5
Sylvan place. Long before that, Sister
Katie had gone to the big city to live
at No. 57 East One Hundred and Twen-
ty-second street, as Mrs. Fletcher.

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and quite a young lady and a most
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